



# NEWS RELEASE

## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For release: Oct. 12, 2015

Contact: Sherry Llewellyn, 410-313-2236  
stllewellyn@howardcountymd.gov

### **Police identify officer in police-involved shooting of man with knife**

Howard County police are identifying the officer who was confronted by a man with a knife on Friday morning, and fired a shot that killed the suspect. Police Officer First Class Luke Buchanan, an eight-year veteran of the HCPD, has been placed on official leave pending the results of the investigation.

Police received a 911 call around 10:40 a.m., Oct. 9 from a home in the 6400 block of Cardinal Lane in Columbia. The caller reported that a man with a knife was inside the house and threatening to kill him. Officers arrived and were confronted by Gary Carmona Boitano, 19, with a knife in the driveway. PFC Buchanan repeatedly directed Boitano to drop the knife, but he refused. The officer was forced to fire and Boitano was pronounced dead at the scene.

At this stage of the investigation, there is no indication that anyone other than Boitano was present at the residence at the time of the shooting.

Under standard procedure, the shooting is being investigated by the HCPD Criminal Investigations Bureau and Internal Affairs Division.

###